(c) No, Sir.

(d)N.A.

(e) Views of other Ministries have been taken and the Law Ministry has advised. The Scheme is presently being reviewed by the Department of Family Welfare. Final decision is yet to be taken.

Administering expired Pulse Polio Drops

† 1322. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH **AND** FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expired medicines were also used during the pulse polio drive;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more of such cases were detected in U.P. and Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the CBI has registered cases of not providing the polio dose in Rajasthan, besides the scam of Rs. 40 lakhs; and

(e) if so, the details of action taken against the official found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) One particular case is presently under investigation by CBI. The coverage of children in the Pulse Polio Programme in Rajasthan has been very good.

Prevention of transfusion of untested blood

1323. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH **AND** FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors are transfusing blood to children who are suffering from weakness or mild anaemia;

(b) whether most of the blood is untested and is likely to **transmit the AIDS** virus in healthy kids;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether, in one study on 27 HIV positive children, 12 were found to have been infected from this treatment; and

(d) if so, what action Government are taking to prevent this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Doctors usually transfuse blood when there are indications for it. All blood that is transfused is tested for Transfusion Transmissible Infections.

(c) and (d) The study referred to was conducted in All India Institute of Medical Sciences where 27 children with HIV infections were treated since 1996. In 8 of them, the possible mode of transmission was due to Blood Transfusion. The study concludes that some of these infections would not have occurred if blood transfusion itself could have been avoided by adopting stricter indications for transfusion. The Government is actively promoting the concept of rational use of blood among clinicians by drawing up guidelines for rational use and widely publicising them. This will result in reduction of unnecessary blood transfusions. All steps are being taken to ensure that universal screening for Transfusion Transmissible Infections (TTIs) are also being carried out in the Blood Banks.

Eradication of Malaria in Andhra Pradesh

1324. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided drugs, insecticides, larvicides equipments etc. to Andhra Pradesh under National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the contribution of the State Government in this regard;

(d) how far malaria was controlled in that State during the said period; and

(e) what other steps under NAMP are being taken to eradicate malaria in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) which is a Category-II Centrally Sponsored Scheme on